

T-582

1874

Carpenter Street Saloon
St. Michaels
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H. Clay Dodson operated a drug store on this site before his purchased the property in 1867. Seven years later, he financed the construction of the three-story commercial structure. In 1910, the Citizen's Bank of St. Michaels purchased the brick building. After nine years, the Eastern Shore Trust Company acquired title to the bank property. In later years the Eastern Shore Trust Company was known as the County Trust Company and finally the St. Michaels Branch of the Maryland National Bank.

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. T-582

Magi No. 2105824526

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Carpenter Street Saloon

2. Location

street & number Talbot Street and Carpenter Street not for publication

city, town St. Michaels vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Dianna Mautz

street & number Star Route telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels state and zip code MD 21663

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot Co. Clerk of Court liber 565 565

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 161 161

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Carpenter Street Saloon stands on the northeast corner of Talbot Street and Carpenter Street in the center of the St. Michaels business district in Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay structure faces west.

Built in 1874, Carpenter Street Saloon is a two-story stretcher and common bond brick commercial building covered by a flat roof. Standing immediately north of the main brick building is a story-and-a-half frame structure incorporated as part of the saloon.

The west (main) elevation of the brick saloon is three bays across with brick pilasters flanking arched window and door openings. Corbelled brick arches top each of the three bays and a dentiled cornice stretches across the first floor openings. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced window openings, and the cornice is topped by a simple cap. The structure, originally three stories high, was shortened during the past century.

The south elevation, laid in seven-course common bond, is an asymmetrical facade of different sized window openings that light the first and second floors as well as the cellar. A side door pierces the wide space between the third and fourth bays from the west. A narrow brick stove stack rises against the south wall and pierces the parapet roof between the second and third bays from the west. Impressed in the southwest corner is the date, "1874" as well as the "Dodson" name. The north and west sides of the building are finished in an ordinary manner without unusual details.

The interior of the saloon has been reworked to suit a modern restaurant, but the old bank vault remains in place next to the bar. An enclosed stair rises against the south side of the room and provides access to the large space on the second floor.

Standing immediately north of the brick structure is a story-and-a-half frame structure incorporated as part of the saloon seating space. The three-bay frame storefront is marked by four paneled pilasters and define the three bay facade. A center door is flanked by partially blocked windows. The half story is distinguished by a gabled parapet roof pierced by a six-over-six sash window. The interior of the dining room has been thoroughly renovated.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1874

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Carpenter Street Saloon is a prominent brick structure marking the corner of Talbot and Carpenter streets in the center business district of St. Michaels. Corbelled brick courses, brick pilasters and arched window and door openings highlight the west (main) facade, while the remaining sides are largely utilitarian. The neighboring story-and-a-half frame house is a simple commercial building marked by a pointed parapet window. The paneled pilasters that divide the three-bay facade are distinctive features.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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YEAR: 1982 VOL: 565 PAGE: 161
FROM : Kay Bee Hill, Inc. PRICE: \$210,000
TO : John F Mautz and Diana G Mautz
NOTES: This parcel known as "Citizen's Bank Lot". See plat 17/104, attached.
Conveyed to Kay Bee Hill by Edgar W Haddaway 1973, 481/344.

YEAR: 1973 VOL: 481 PAGE: 344
FROM : Edgar W Haddaway and Elsie J Haddaway PRICE: \$5
TO : Kay Bee Hill, Inc.
NOTES: See Plat. There are two parcels. Building is on parcel 1.
Conveyed to Edgar W Haddaway by Maryland National Bank 1963, 392/588

YEAR: 1963 VOL: 392 PAGE: 588
FROM : Maryland National Bank PRICE: \$5
TO : Edgar W Haddaway and Elsie J Haddaway
NOTES: Conveyed to Citizen's Bank of St Michaels by Clifton Doll Benson
1910, 157/387. The Citizen's Bank conveyed to the Eastern Shore Trust Company
1919, 182/456. The Eastern Shore Trust changed its name to the County Trust Co.
which became the St. Michaels Branch of the Maryland National Bank.

YEAR: 1910 VOL: 157 PAGE: 387
FROM : Clifton Doll Benson, trustee PRICE: \$2100
TO : Citizen's Bank of St Michaels, Maryland
NOTES: Benson sold property by decree in case, Marianna Benson complaintant vs
Sardis Chapel.
Begins SW corner of Wm. F Blades on N side Carpenter Alley; runs W 38' with
Alley to Talbot Street; then N to Blades; the E 28'; then S to beginning.
Conveyed to Marianna Benson by assignmenmt of lease from H Clay Dodson 1899,
131/289 and by deed from Josphe B Seth 1899/ 133/25.

YEAR: 1899 VOL: 131 PAGE: 289
FROM : H Clay Dodson PRICE: \$2000
TO : Marianna Benson, trustee of James Benson, dcd.
NOTES: "On the NE corner of Talbot Street with a three-story brick building".
Leased to H Clay Dodson for 99 years by Nicholas Orem 1867, 73/482.

YEAR: 1899 VOL: 133 PAGE: 25
FROM : Joseph B Seth, trustee PRICE:
TO : Marianna Benson, trustee
NOTES: Seth was appointed trustee by James Seth 1899, 131/180. All the
interest of James Seth and Julia Seth in NE corner of Carpenter's Alley
and Tal;bot Street improved by a three-story brick store-house BUILT BY
H CLAY DODSON.
Leased to H Clay Dodson by Nicholas Orem, dcd. The leasehold interest was
assigned to Marianna Dodson, trustee. Conveyed to James Seth by William R
Martin, trustee 1893, 119/488.

YEAR: 1867 VOL: 73 PAGE: 482

FROM : Nicholas Orem PRICE:

TO : H Clay Dodson

NOTES: LEASE. "all that lot upon which the drug store now occupied by said H Clay Dodson stands. Situated upon Talbot Street and Carpenter's Alley in the Town of St Michaels". For 99 years at \$6 per year. Lease begins 1 Jan 1867.

YEAR: 1861 VOL: 69 PAGE: 416

FROM : Henry F Byrne and Anna M D Byrne PRICE: \$500

TO : Nicholas Orem

NOTES: On the NE corner of Talbot St. & Carpenters Alley. Begin at the SE corner of Wm P Blades (mortgaged to Alexander H Seth) on N side of Carpenters; run with Alley 38' to Talbot Street; then N with Talbot Street 38' to Blades; E 28'; then S to beginning.

YEAR: 1861 VOL: 69 PAGE: 239

FROM : James Valliant, adminr of Rigby Valliant PRICE: \$600

TO : Mrs. Anna M D Byrne

NOTES: In 1856, Rigby Valliant, dcd, contracted to sell Byrne a lot on which stood a storehouse. The lot has been entirely paid for. Lot is on corner of Talbot Street and Carpenters' Alley. Same as previous description.

YEAR: 1848 VOL: 61 PAGE: 144

FROM : Jeremiah Harrison and Rebecca Ann Harrison PRICE: \$550

TO : Rigby Valliant

NOTES: Part of lot 24 at the W end of Carpenters' Alley, on the N side. Begin at a stone by a gatepost, run W to the County Road, 46 feet; then N with the road 118 feet to the lot of William H Harrison; with Harrison E 31 feet; then S 115 feet to the beginning. "It being a piece of ground or lot purchased by Jeremiah Harrison of Alexander B Harrison".

A deed from Alexander B Harrison to Jeremiah Harrison for this property has not been found; however, the following deed appears to pertain to this lot.

YEAR: 1839 VOL: 54 PAGE: 183

FROM : Alexander B Harrison PRICE: \$40

TO : Thomas S Harrison

NOTES: On E side of the main road at the SW corner of Carpenters' Alley and the main road. E 40 feet on Carpenters' to a stone at the SW corner of lot 24; then NW 120 feet; then SW 47 feet to the main road.

Another deed which applies to a part of this property is: 1839, 54/602, Mary Ann Graham to Jeremiah Harrison. For \$92.75 she sells Jeremiah two lots on Carpenters' Alley, numbers 23 and 24, "adjoining the storehouse and lot of Jeremiah Harrison".

The earlier history of the lot is wrapped up in the Harrison genealogy. It was part of "Stopper" or "Joseph's Lot" and went through the Harrison inheritance but the fate of the property after Joseph Harrison is not clear. There were two Thomas S Harrisons and their relation to Mary Harrison, wife of Joseph, and Jeremiah Harrison is not clear. The answer is not in the Land Records seen at Easton this far!

NOTE: BEARINGS ARE COMPUTED FROM THE ANGLES

TALBOT ST.

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HERBERT D. FAIRBANKS

2 STOREY BRICK BUILDING
LOT AREA = 1,218.81 SQ. FT.

TOWN PARKING LOT

CARPENTER STREET SALOON T-582

CARPENTER ALLEY

MAP
SHOWING
"CITIZEN'S BANK LOT"
SURVEYED FOR
EDGAR W. & ELSIE J. HADDAWAY
IN
THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS
TALBOT COUNTY
MARYLAND

SCALE - 10' TO 1" AUG, 1963

KASTENHUBER & ANDERSON
CIVIL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS
EASTON, MARYLAND

BY *E. Kastenhuber*

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I HAVE BEEN OBSERVED PRECISELY AND ARE
RED TO A MAGNETIC MERIDIAN CORRECTED FOR
DECLINATION: DECLINATION AT PRESENT BEING

APPROXIMATELY 9 DEGREES 13 MINUTES WEST





CARPENTER STREET SALOON

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md. ~~7-582~~ ⁷⁻⁵⁸²

Southwest elevation

10/86, Paul Touart, photographer

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St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.

West elevation

3/87, Paul Touart, photographer

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St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.

"1874" datebrick, south side

10/86, Paul Touart, photographer

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